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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the West, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair with few features. Food service demand was moderate at best with fast food strongest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair. Breast items were at least sufficient, and dark meat was adequate to ample with limited interest. Wings were readily available, but often short on smaller sizes. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on February 16, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.00
BREASTS - B/S	110.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	100.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fair with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were sufficient with smaller cuts in the tightest position. Breast items were adequate, and dark meat was fully adequate to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair at best as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. Fast food movement was fair to fairly good. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to readily available. Wings were generally sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained steady. Offerings and trade call were very light. Movement was noted as seasonal, quiet or light with only occasional moderate to fairly good demand reported. Best interest was on scattered retail features or some fast food promotions. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts trade activity was light. Supplies of wings were limited on regular sized product; all other parts were fully available. The market tone was steady to firm on regular sized wings; barely steady to weak on dark meat items and cautiously steady on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were steady to barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate for an only fair buyers' interest. Retail demand was moderate, best for parts. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. The market tone was barely steady on parts with dark meat items in the weakest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 11, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 11, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 11, 2006 were 1.05 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/04/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,263	213,830	0
CHICKS PLACED	175,742	175,504	0

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Mar-06 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 160.3 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.07 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	635	92.00-158.00	95-100	103.06
TENDERLOINS	178	85.00-145.00	90-94	91.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	246	28.00-42.00	30-32	31.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	626	16.00-25.00	17-18	17.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	18.00-28.00	19-20	20.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	90.00-102.00	95-98	97.20
WINGS (CUT)	300	109.00-117.00	112-116	112.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 FEB 14, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
38.00-43.50	39.10

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	870	90.00-147.00	-	99.72
TENDERLOINS	173	85.00-145.00	92-97	91.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	52.00-60.00	53-58	55.93
FRONT HALVES	TOOFEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	246	27.00-42.00	28-30	29.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	15.00-22.00	16-17	16.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,105	17.00-30.00	18-20	19.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-100.00	92-95	94.98
WINGS (CUT)	135	109.00-118.00	-	113.89
DRUMSTICKS	TOOFEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOOFEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	160	82.00-100.00	-	90.63

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 FEB 15, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 43.00	39.42	39.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers were cautious and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	105.65	613,860
TENDERLOINS	90-95	91.45	151,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	65.21	65,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.78	81,000
LEGS	38-39	33.76	269,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.83	380,800
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.70	101,620
THIGHS	33-34	40.67	63,380
B/S THIGHS	99-100	93.64	133,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	96.35	236,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.23	25,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.56	16,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.78	26,880

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	106.13	548,240
TENDERLOINS	90-95	92.78	178,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	66.73	61,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	60.80	90,000
LEGS	37-38	36.32	234,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	22.50	259,545
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	31.48	89,680
THIGHS	31-32	37.81	34,520
B/S THIGHS	97-98	96.69	108,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	99.68	199,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.35	23,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.50	9,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.83	18,760

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	02/15	02/14	02/13	02/10	02/13	02/10	02/08	02/06	
Alabama	4,001	4,000	4,001	3,979	5.42	5.15	3,858	5.42	
Arkansas	5,264	5,398	5,133	5,400	5.19	4.96	5,215	5.23	
Delmarva	2,276	2,289	2,248	2,559	5.69	5.68	2,306	5.81	
KY-LA-TN	2,316	2,300	2,201	2,389	5.09	5.13	2,234	4.66	
Mississippi	2,868	2,872	2,831	2,949	5.87	5.61	3,012	5.74	
North Carolina	2,633	2,579	2,468	3,999	6.75	6.59	2,513	6.90	
Texas	2,511	2,475	2,514	2,477	5.29	5.13	2,517	5.30	
Total	21,869	21,913	21,396	23,275	5.56	5.45	21,655	5.52	
Mon-Wed	65,689(B)		64,735(B)						

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Feb-06 is estimated to be 32,718,000 head up 0.69 percent from a week ago and up 5.62 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,495,000, last year 30,976,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109-109
DUCKS	185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Feb-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/18/06 (1)	02/11/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,223 (2)	167,962
Light hens	1,058	1,366
Heavy hens	1,328	1,368
Total	168,609	170,696

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Feb-06 is 164.0 million head compared to 158.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Feb-06 the estimated available is 163.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/13/06	57,218	71,484
AM 02/01/06	52,434	73,883
CHG	4,784	-2,399
PCT CHG	9	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/13/06	02/06/06	02/14/05	02/13/06	02/06/06	02/14/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,215	2,233	2,038	6,169	9,366	6,912
LOS ANGELES	51	38	56	3,317	3,374	3,735

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 76-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 2/14/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.35	2.00	1.76	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	8						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 10, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	43.22	116.69	69.15	12.97	4.32	77.79
High	69.15	121.01	73.47	17.29	8.64	77.79
Mostly	66.99	121.01	73.47	17.29	4.32	77.79

SAN JUAN

Low	43.22	125.33	73.47	12.97	4.32	77.79
High	69.15	129.65	77.79	17.29	8.64	77.79
Mostly	64.83	129.65	73.47	17.29	4.32	77.79

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	43.22	125.33	69.15	12.97	4.32	82.11
High	64.83	125.33	73.47	17.29	8.64	82.11
Mostly	45.38	125.33	73.47	17.29	4.32	82.11

BECERRA

Low	45.38	125.33	73.47	17.29	4.32	82.11
High	71.31	129.65	82.11	21.61	8.64	82.11
Mostly	47.54	129.65	77.79	21.61	4.32	82.11

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best as buyers generally kept receipts in close balance with immediate needs. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules returned to normal following a shortage of crews yesterday and were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to fully adequate, instances tight on boneless/skinless breasts for current retail ad activity.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	54-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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